ated petorl and diesel by petrol pump owners, particularly in South Delhi areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry against the petrol pumps selling adulterated petrol and diesel during the last three years;

(d) whether Government have also received complaints that most of the petrol pumps on the Ring Road near Dhaula Kuan and Moti Bagh are selling adulterated petrol and diesel; and

(e) if so, the corrective measures taken by Government so far in this regard and if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) No cases of sale of adulterated petrol/diesel by retail outlets in Delhi have been detected recently.

(c) In order to check adulteration of petrol/diesel, retail outlets are inspected regularly by the field officers of the oil companies. Regular/surprise inspections are also conducted by Joint Industry Teams, mobile laboratories and state Government enforcement agencies. In proven cases of adulteration, action is taken under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

A special campaign was conducted by the Oil Industry for checking adulteration at retail outlets in Delhi for one month with effect from 20.12.1996. All retail outlets in Delhi were inspected by the Industry Team, and no case of adulteration was detected.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Award of D-l and D-18 Oilfields to IOC

1973. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to award discovered oil-fields D-l and D-18 to IOC; if so, the details thereof, along-with the terms and conditions of the award;

(b) whether Government have received any request from the ONGC for development of the above oil-fields on the same terms and conditions, as are being considered for IOC; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE N THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Government Of India has received a proposal from IOC for the award of D-l and D-18 fields on a nomination basis on the same terms and conditions as are being offered for private participation for development of discovered fields.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No decision has been taken.

Decline in Crude. Oil Production

1974. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while country was galping towards self-sufficiency in crude oil in seventies and eigh-ties, it drifted away from that goal in 1990 and its production came down from 60% in 1991 to 48% in 1995-96;

(b) how for it is attributed to increase in motor vehicles, industrialisation and dieselization of Railways; and

(c) whether there is any action plan to lead the country towards self-reliance in crude oil?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The level of self sufficiency in crude, oil production has

decreased from the level of 60% in 1990-91 to 48% in 1995-96 due to increase in the demand for crude oil and petroleum products from various sectors of the economy.

(c) The achievement of self sufficiency in crude oil production would depend upon new discoveries of oil reserves and increasing production from existing fields. Various seps being taken by the Government to increase production are—

(1) Implementation of new projects/ schemes and additional development of existing fields.

(2) Implementation of EOR Schemes and extending some of EOR's Schemes from pilot scale to full scale fields application.

(3) Implementation of specialised tech-nologies such as ERD, side track, horizontal and drain hole drilling.

(4) Obtaining services of international experts wherever considered necessary.

(5) 3D seismic survey of the oil fields.

(6) Rectificatory measures like long/ short drift side track, drain hole have been planned for revival of sick wells which still have potential.

(7) Encouraging the participation of private/JV in the oil sector.

(8) Enhancing exploration of hydrocar bons and increasing reserves through seismic surveys, deep water exploration and exploration in fron tier areas.

Natural Gas Based LPG Extraction Plants in Maharashtra

1975. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up natural gas based LPG extraction plants for recovery of LPG from natural gas, to augment avalability of LPG in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what other measures are being taken by Government to augment availability of LPG in Maharashtra?

THE-MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Gas Authority of India Limited is setting up a natural Gas based LPG plants at Usar to produce 139500 tonnes per annum of LPG.

(c) A grassroots refinery of 6 MMTPA capacity has been planned at Deogarh, Ratnagiri District of Maharashtra, which would increase the availability of LPG in the State. In addition new LPG import facilities are being put up by private parties at Mumbai, Ratnagiri and Nhava Sheva in Maharashtra to enable higher import of LPG.

Credit Facilities to Transport Corpora-tions

1976. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any facilities are being given by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to Government-owned trans port corporations;

(b) whether the credit facilities given to the private dealers have been stopped recently; and

(c) if so, whether the said facilities would be revised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. have extended credit facilities to some Government-owned Transport Corporations on a selective basis.

(b) and (c) The credit facilities extended to some of the retail outlets on a selective basis by these companies have not been stopped.